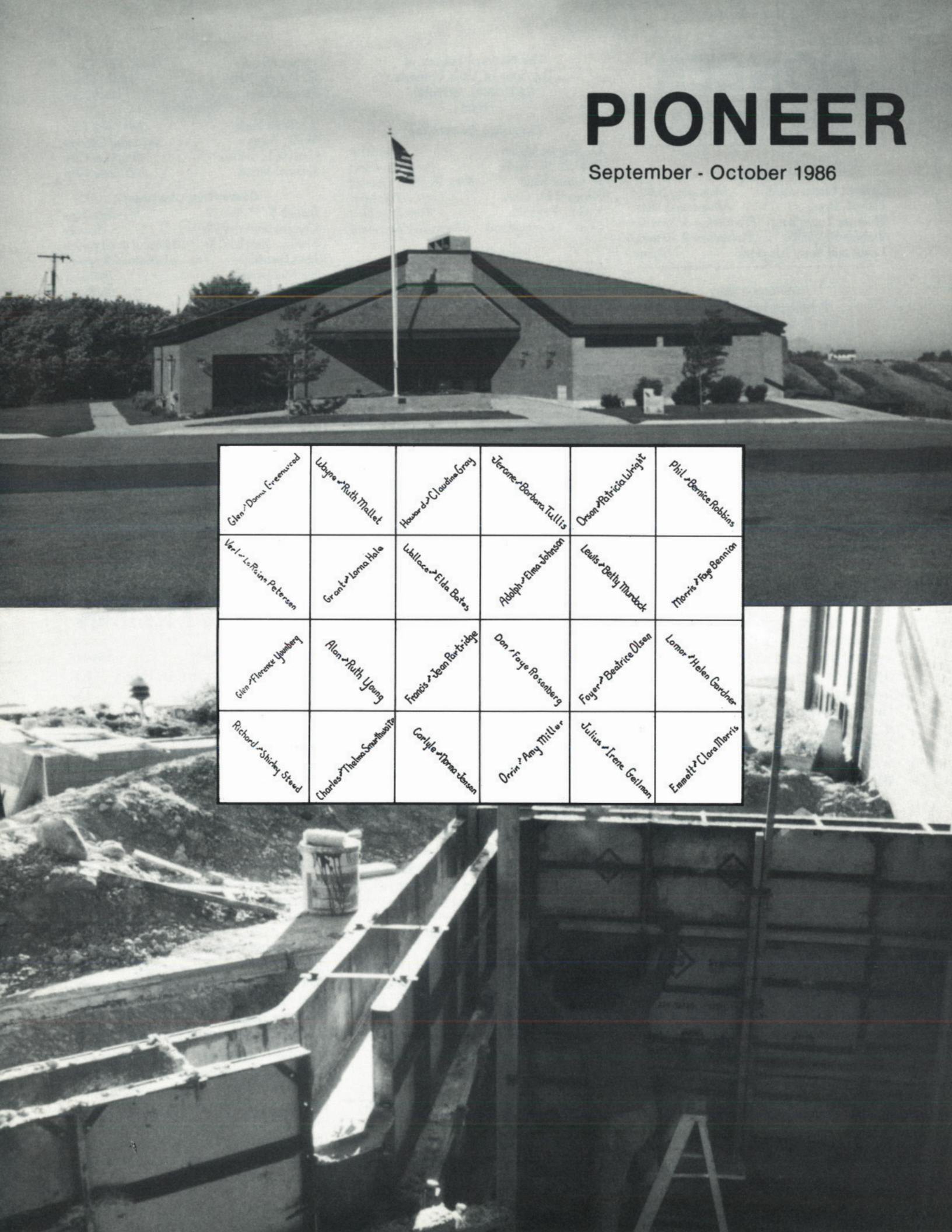


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## About the Cover

All members that were at the Convention and made the trip to headquarters were able to see the construction at the building. This remodeling and construction was approved by the National Board and the Executive Committee and the bids were let. Besides the stairs at the front entrance that lead to the Pioneer Room downstairs, there will be a hardwood floor installed in the Pioneer Room. There will be changes made in the lower kitchen, walls painted, insulation between the two floors - which has been installed, minor remodeling of the library and upper area in the office. We must also change and stabilize the stairs of the north side of the building. This remodeling will cost approximately \$60,000.00.

In order to help raise money for this project, I have presented a program and it has been passed by the National Board that we sell either 4" or 6" tile to our members. On each tile the purchasers name along with his wife's will be printed. The cost of each tile will be \$35.00. (See the cover for example). These tiles will be mounted on the walls of the stairway we are installing. So far the reception has been very good and many tiles have been sold. As each

one is purchased you are given a receipt which is numbered in the order the money is received at the office. The tile will be installed on the walls in that order. This eliminates the chance of any one person getting preference as to location. We have many members who are buying a tile for each of their children and some even grandchildren. Won't you help us pay for the remodeling? This is a tax free donation.

I am suggesting that points be given toward the award program. The larger the percentage of chapter members participating the more points each chapter can earn. This will be up to the awards committee.

Glen L. Greenwood  
Executive Secretary

## Do You Know?

We now have 1408 Life Members.

We have 2154 active members.

We have 23 active chapters with membership over 15.

We have 25 active chapters with membership under 15.

There are 7 inactive chapters.

We have 2 chapters which are now being formed - Morgan (Utah) and Glendons (California).

We lost over 300 members this year but we gained nearly that many new ones.

## Twelve Members Welcomed to SUP Life Members

No.	Name	Chapter
1397	Harold Sanford Forbush	ER
1398	Leon C. Jones	Me
1399	Kevin Ray Grant	EMC
1400	Derik Lyn Grant	EMC
1401	Mikal Ken Grant	EMC
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1405	Lawrence L. Birrell	Hol
1406	Elmo Phillips	BV
1407	Charles William Anderson	SC
1408	Clair L. Phillips	EMC

In other words, we are barely holding our own. We need to contact those members who have not renewed their memberships and encourage them to stay with us.

We also need to find those members who are lost. These are men who have moved and not given us a new address. If someone moves into or out of your chapter or moves within your chapter, please send us the change of address. This will help us in the office keep better track of our membership.



## We Can Honor And Be Grateful To And For Our Pioneers

The Days of '47 is a time for us to honor and be grateful to the Pioneers of the State of Deseret for their loyalty to the church, dedication to the cause of freedom and the ability to sacrifice all they had, even their lives when necessary, for the gospel and the right to worship as they pleased. The exodus from Nauvoo to the Salt Lake Valley was comparable to the Children of Israel coming out of Egypt. In both situations the Lord provided Prophets as their leaders and miracles of food, water, and protection in times of great need to sustain them.

What a beautiful heritage is ours as Sons and Daughters of such great people. May we always appreciate their lives and accomplishments.

The Days of '47 celebration was attended by many National officers and their wives. The Territorial reception, dinner and ball, the

Pop's concert, the rodeo, the Sunrise ceremony, and the beautiful 24th of July Parade were all spectacular events. We had the special experience of sitting with our beloved Prophet Ezra T. Benson and his lovely wife. What a beautiful, spiritual occasion this was. Also with Governor Bangerter and his wife Colleen. We had the privilege of listening to three of our General Authorities, Elder Thomas S. Monson, Elder Vaughn Featherstone, and James E. Faust.

We are so grateful to the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and the Days of '47 Committees who worked so hard to put this celebration over. It was wonderful! A great and beautiful tribute to our beloved ancestors. May we always appreciate their lives and accomplishments and make sure their names are memorialized in the



National S.U.P. Gallery and that their journals and histories are placed in our National S.U.P. Research Library.

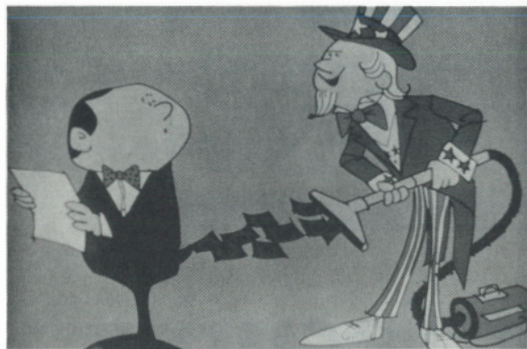
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Dear Brother Murdock:

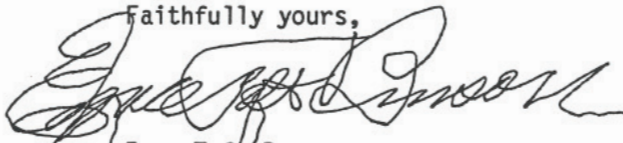
This is a belated letter of thanks for the lovely evening Sister Benson and I spent with you and the members of the S.U.P. It was delightful.

I hope my remarks were well received and that the length of my talk did not overburden their ears.

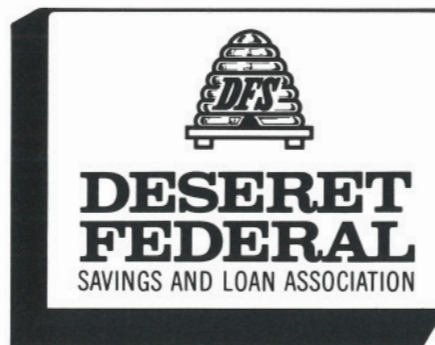
We have sent copies, as you requested, to those whose names were on the list sent to this office.

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with such a fine group of people. God bless them now and always.

Faithfully yours,



Ezra Taft Benson  
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# The Sons of Utah Pioneers in Arizona

by J. Smith Decker

Upon returning to Arizona from the BYU in 1976 to teach at Arizona State University, J. Morris Richards, who had been active in the S.U.P. in Provo, spread the word of S.U.P. in Arizona. His close friends became interested, and with the enlistment of Paul Updike as the one who did the legwork, the Salt River Chapter was organized in Phoenix in 1977, with Junius Gibbons as President; J. Smith Decker as President-Elect, and a full staff of officers from both Phoenix and Mesa. Monthly meetings were held, following the by-laws of the National Society, and at these meetings the officers from Mesa were reminded that there was a potential for a chapter in Mesa, sixteen miles away.

A group of five met at the home of J. Smith Decker in Mesa, forming the nucleus from which sprang an active chapter. The National Encampment for that year was held in Escalante, Utah, with a trip to the Hole-in-the-Rock scheduled as one of the attractions. Because our ancestors were involved in that expedition, we were very interested. Those who attended from the Salt River Chapter were Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris Richards, President and Mrs. Spencer D. Madsen, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Larson, Clark Wood and J. Smith Decker. That encampment helped to convert us the S.U.P. really honored our ancestors.

Following the organization of the Mesa Chapter, Paul Updike and Spencer Madsen saw the possibilities of other chapters in the state. At the expense of the leadership of the Salt River Chapter, chapters were organized in Scottsdale and Tempe. President Stacy Garn and the Scottsdale Chapter achieved 60% Life Memberships. Shortly, organizations were started in St. Johns, the Gila Valley, and Snowflake.

The 1982 Encampment was held in Mesa. Due to the warm weather, it was held in October rather than late summer. The Encampment was very successful, with J. Smith Decker as the Chapter President and Spencer D. Madsen as General Chairman. The history of the 1982 Encampment is given in a past issue of the Pioneer.

With the encouragement of the National Officers and the able leadership of President Harry S. Randall, a special drive for Life Memberships and Memorializations was instigated. In this drive, at least five members of the Mesa Chapter submitted more than \$1,000 each toward the memorialization of their ancestors. Over 80% of the members of the Mesa Chapter became Life Members.

At the 1982 Encampment this chapter was awarded a plaque on which was inscribed the names of all the Life Members of the Chapter. This plaque now hangs on the wall the National Memorial Building. At that time special awards were given to the Mesa Chapter as the outstanding new chapter. Spencer D. Madsen and Paul Updike were also given special awards.

At present the presidents of the active chapters in Arizona are: Wilford Crockett IV, Andrew Kimball Chapter, Pima AZ; Milford G.

Richey, Little Colorado River Chapter, St. Johns, AZ; Howard L. Roberts, Mesa Chapter, Mesa, AZ; Malin Lewis, Salt River Chapter, Phoenix, AZ; Gerald Flake, Snowflake Chapter, Snowflake, AZ; J. Lee Thompson, Tempe Chapter, Tempe, AZ; and Walter Holladay, Scottsdale Chapter, Phoenix, AZ.

## Our Thanks For A Job Well Done

Lorry Rytting our exceptional Editor of the Pioneer magazine has asked to be relieved of his duties due to other pressing business and activities. It is with a great deal of reluctance that his resignation has been accepted by President Mallet and the Executive Committee. Lorry will be a hard man to replace. He has done an exceptional job for the last five years. Thirty-one outstanding issues have been published by him. He has always gone the extra mile to get material, rewrite it, when necessary, and then put it together to make a magazine that this organization can be proud of. President Mallet, the executive committee, the National Board, members of this organization and we in the office wish to thank him for a job well done. His expertise will be missed.

At the present time there has not been an Editor appointed to replace him. President Mallet has asked this office to put this issue together. I can assure you that we will do our best but the Pioneer will not be up to Lorry's standard of excellence.

Glen L. Greenwood  
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## Beehive Chapter Trek to Expo '86

At 8:30 a.m. on July 8, 1986, the Beehive Chapter left by bus to go to Canada and British Columbia. With Ross Wilhelmsen as their Trekmaster, they knew they would have a wonderful trip, and they did.

In introducing themselves, each one told of their most embarrassing moment. Needless to say, this evoked a lot of laughter. Also, each of the 22 couples had been assigned to prepare a report on some point of interest we would be seeing. As a result, everyone came home with much more knowledge of the areas they had passed through.

Overnight stays were made in Butte, Montana; Lethbridge, Calgary, Golden, Hope, Vancouver, and Victoria in Canada; Bellevue, Washington and Ontario, Oregon. Highlights of the trip included the Calgary Stampede, which included a spectacular pile-up of the chuckwagons involved in one of the races. The races were followed by a wonderful evening of entertain-

ment. The next day everyone enjoyed the rodeo.

After a short stay in Banff, we visited Morain Lake and Lake Louise. The beauties of Glacier National Park were enjoyed as a Sunday Service was held. The next major stop was at Expo '86. Transportation and communication were the theme of the hundreds of exhibits. The stay in beautiful Victoria, B.C. was enhanced by a visit to the Buchart Gardens, where over fifty acres have been used to create supreme beauty. Also in Victoria is located the Provincial Museum.

During the trip, the temples in Idaho Falls, Seattle and Boise were visited. City tours were taken in Calgary, Victoria and Seattle.

A great deal of entertainment was furnished through the court held by Judge Richard Steed, Sheriff Winston Thatcher, and his Deputies

- Clyde Reaveley, Ted Demars and Keith Karren, Glade Gerber was the Prosecuting Attorney, Bessie Orullian the Treasurer, and Lorraine Karren acted as Bailiff. Needless to say, justice did not reign.

Another episode of fun was enjoyed when an auction was held, with Woody Caldwell as the Auctioneer. Everyone brought items to be sold, and the money raised was used for a bus party for the group, held at the home of Woody and Vera Caldwell.

What a wonderful chance for chapter members to become better acquainted and enjoy travel at the same time. This was a trip we will remember for many years.

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The 13 x 24 inch plaque, set in a Deseret Stone 6 x 7 foot monument, recognizes the vision of the early Pioneers and early leaders of the Mormon church, and the hard work of the industries founders.

The dedication was attended by S.U.P. National and chapter members, former employees of the West Jordan Sugar Factory, beet growers, former executives and leaders in the industry, and community and civic leaders.

A fine program was presented to all those who attended. The members of the West Jordan High School Band under the able direction of Sheri Shoster participated in the program along with other musical numbers.

Charles Whipple, financial Vice President of Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. from Kennewick, Washington, gave a brief history. Mayor Rob Roberts spoke as did Bishop Robert D. Hales, presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Bishop Hales dedicated the monument.

Joe Sommers masonry built the monument and Ford/Peters/Robinson Association designed and engraved the plaque. The members of the board express their thanks for the help and support given by everyone.

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by Jean Partridge, Librarian

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SUPPHR stands for Sons of Utah Pioneers' Pioneer Historical Research Library. Although the research done there is of early heritage and pioneer days, the methods used for filing entries are as modern as a computer can make them.

It will take some time to convert all of our Card Index to Computer Index I; we are only up to the "G's" in the Alphabetical file. But, we *are* keeping up with the daily mail.

After we have completed the computer entries of our entire Card Index File, we will ask the computer for an alphabetical print-out in three tracings: by author, by title and by subject. Each will be in a separate binder and available for patron use instead of going to the Card Index File. It should be a simpler process to locate and research information.

Do send in those histories you used to prepare biographies for the Pioneer Ancestral Album. Those we have received have been excellent. Please go to your city or county civic headquarters and get histories of the area in which you live - we often have need of such information. Usually the city fathers are happy to have their town's history preserved. This is your library - you can help it become a rich source of history as well as of biographies.

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# A Dream --- A Warning

by Karl & Florence McBride

*Taken from the stories of Orin Nelson Woodbury compiled by Dallas Coleman.*

"Hurry and hitch up the wagon, Abram", called father Orin N. Woodbury. "It's time for me to return to St. George for supplies and to check on my other family."

Orin had just recently moved his wife Frances Goddard Woodbury and her nine children to a farm, fourteen miles from St. George on the Santa Clara Creek, six miles from the little town of Gunlock.

Going to and from St. George was something that happened quite often so Abram quickly hitched up the team and bid his father farewell.

The family had built a lumber home with a large wood burning fireplace at one end of the room. On long winter evenings much time was spent in front of this fireplace.

One night the fire had died down so Frances tucked her children in

bed for the night and was planning on relaxing in her chair for a few minutes. She fell asleep and dreamed that she was sewing on one of the windows near the fireplace when a shadow crossed the window. She looked up into the face of an Indian. He had one of the most wicked faces she had ever seen. She screamed to her daughter, "Lock the door!". The Indian came to the door, rattled the lock and demanded that she let him in. When she refused he went to wood pile, grabbed the ax and returned. She sat there helplessly as he broke the door open and entered. He took a long whip that he had in his hand and began whipping her children. Frances woke with a start and had difficulty going back to sleep the rest of the night.

The next day she was sitting by the window sewing and the shadow came upon the window just as it had done in her dream. She looked up and there was the Indian she had seen in her dream. He looked even worse than she had remembered. Her first impulse was to lock the door but her dream came before her

like a warning. She went to the door, smiled and invited him to enter. He demanded that she give him something to eat so she quickly prepared a meal for him. He ate in silence and then left. Grandmother told this story many times to show how Heavenly Father watches over his children.

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## Brigham Young Chapter Honors Four Past National Presidents

The Brigham Young Chapter at Provo is planning a special salute at its Sept. 25 dinner meeting for four members who have served as president of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Recipients of the honor, according to Dr. R. Wayne Pace, chapter president, will be Dr. Vasco M. Tanner, national president in 1962-63; J. Rulon Morgan, 1965-66; Verl G. Dixon, 1971-72; and Dr. Oliver R. Smith, 1977-78.

The ceremony will take place prior to the address of guest speaker Barbara Smith, immediate past general president of the LDS Relief Society. Ross B. Denham is program chairman.

Dr. Pace noted that besides their significant leadership at national level, Tanner, Morgan, Dixon and Smith have served with distinction in SUP, civic and church activities in Provo and the state.

Now 93, Tanner is a Brigham Young University professor emeritus. Chairman of the department of zoology and entomology for 33 years, he continued to teach until retirement at age 70, and had an office on campus for research until his 89th birthday.

Prior to serving as national SUP president, Tanner heads the Brigham Young Chapter in 1959-60. In a key civic responsibility, he served on the Provo Board of Utilities for 40 years, much of that time as chairman.

Morgan has been a practicing attorney in Utah County for 57 years. Besides his national SUP presidency and serving in the Brigham Young Chapter, he has been president of the George Albert Smith Chapter and for a quarter of a century has headed the Sons and Daughters of Utah Pioneers of Provo.

Rulon was a Utah Delegate to four national Republican conventions and has headed such organizations as the Provo Lions and the Knife and Fork Club. As art connoisseurs, he and his wife Fern have visited many of the world's great



Seated, left to right: Dr. Vasco M. Tanner, J. Rulon Morgan. Standing: Verl G. Dixon, Dr. Oliver R. Smith.

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Dixon was president of the George Albert Smith Chapter on two different occasions and served as vice president of the Brigham Young Chapter in addition to his term as president of the national SUP society.

A long-term public official, he was Provo mayor 12 years, Utah County commissioner 8 years and county clerk 4 years. Dixon has the almost-unique distinction of having served as president both of the Utah Association of County Officials and the Utah Municipal League.

Smith is a BYU professor emeritus, having served on the communications faculty for 40 years, 13 of them as department chairman. He was president of the Brigham Young SUP Chapter in 1971-72, prior to his presidency of the national society. He also has served as a national vice president.

Among his civic and church positions, Smith has been Utah president of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and an LDS Sunday School general board member.

In 1979 Oliver had the challenging experience of serving, by appointment, as chairman of a relay of more than 400 volunteer runners over the Mormon Trail from Nauvoo to Emigration Canyon. The event was co-sponsored by the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Deseret News.

## New Morgan SUP Leads List of New Members

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*Twin Peaks Chapter* -- W. Grant Evans.





Wally Bates

## 1986 Convention

A word of thanks to all who attended the 1986 Convention for the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Association. From the National Convention Committee and the Host Chapter, the Holladay Chapter, we thank you for making the Convention a great success.

The Committee that worked so hard this past year is very grateful to all those true and dedicated members that supported the Convention. The Holladay Chapter is also grateful to all their friends and members that so graciously participated in making this Convention an outstanding event, and a first for our organization. We felt that it was a great success from the following standpoints: 1) We had the events all under one roof; therefore our members did not have to travel to and from to find the different activities; 2) We had good accommodations, the rooms were of very good quality; 3) The meals were served quickly and were hot. All meals were sit-down quality; 4) We had good workshops where some very good information was discussed; 5) All entertainment was of professional quality; 6) The three Ladies Programs were superb; and 7) So all in all we think the planning and the execution of the events was accepted by those who participated as being very good.

There are some areas that could have been improved upon. However, if it had been perfect no one would have had much to talk about because it is human nature to remember the things that did not go well. They remember the imperfections much more than they do the perfections. This makes for us to strive harder for perfection.

From the Committee and all those who participated, we appreciate you having fun with us and to all those who did not attend, may we urge

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## Newly Elected Officers For 1986

President-Elect

Everett H. Call

### Area Vice Presidents

Box Elder  
Cache  
Weber  
North Salt Lake/Davis  
East Salt Lake  
South Salt Lake  
Southeast Salt Lake  
Cottonwood  
Central Utah  
Southern Utah  
Arizona at large  
Arizona North  
Arizona Central  
Arizona East & South  
Arizona East & New Mexico  
Washington, D.C.  
California  
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Joseph S. Hellewell  
Ben Lofgren

## 1986 Awards

### Large Chapters 51 or More

Temple Quarry	3,265	Points	PLAQUE
Box Elder	3,240	"	GOLD
East Millcreek	3,215	"	GOLD
Holladay	2,965	"	GOLD
Jordan River Temple	2,435	"	GOLD
Settlement Canyon	2,370	"	GOLD
Mesa	2,005	"	GOLD
Temple Fork	1,920	"	GOLD
Oquirrh Mountains	1,350	"	SILVER

### Small Chapters 50 or Less

Twin Peaks	3,135	"	PLAQUE
Bennion/Taylorville	2,460	"	GOLD

### Outstanding Couples

Joseph H. & Alice F. Fisher (East Mill Creek)	PLAQUE
Vernon C. & Ethel Poulter (Box Elder)	PLAQUE
G. Lynn & Kathlyn F. Garff (Twin Peaks)	PLAQUE

### Outstanding Individual Awards

Don J. Rosenberg (Settlement Canyon)	PLAQUE
Charles B. Smurthwaite (East Millcreek)	GOLD
Lincoln Jenson (Box Elder)	GOLD
William W. Terry (Ogden Pioneer)	GOLD
Steven B. Neff (E. M. C. Mills)	GOLD
Marvin Spencer Stevens (Twin Peaks)	GOLD

### Name Memorialization

Holladay	16	PLAQUE
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### Most Life Members

Twin Peaks	10	PLATE
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### New Members

Hurricane Valley	54	PLATE
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### President

D. Wayne Mallet	PLAQUE
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### Past President

Verl L. Petersen	PLAQUE
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### Encampment Chairman

Lewis Murdock	PLAQUE
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### National Officers (2)

Glen A. & Sylvia Lloyd	PLAQUE
Milton V. & Florence Backman	PLAQUE



# Highlights of 1986 SUP National Convention



*President Wayne and Ruth Mallet*



*Convention Chairman Lewis and Betty Murdock*



*Holladay Chapter Hosts 1986 Convention*



*Incoming President Wallace and Elda Bates*



*President-Elect Everett and Ann Call*





*Presidential Pairs at Head Table*



*Lewis and Betty Murdock*

*President and Sister Benson*



*Name Memorialization Plaque  
Howard Gray, Pres. Holladay Chapter*



*President Plaque Received By Pres. Wayne Mallet*



*Seminar Instructor Grant Hale*



*Outstanding Couple Plaque  
Joseph and Alice Fisher*

*Story Award Winners*



*Outstanding Chapter Plaque  
President Reed C. Newbold, Temple Quarry*



*Congratulations for Attendance  
Mesa Chapter*

*Mesa Chorus Sings*







*Keynote Speakers - President and Sister Benson*



*Holladay Chorus Sings*



*Passing of Presidents Pin  
Wayne Mallet to Wallace Bates*



*Meals Served in Banquet Room*

*Outstanding Individual Plaque  
Don J. Rosenberg, Settlement Canyon*



*Business Meeting*



*Thelma Smurthwaite Inspires Women*

*Participants in Ladies' Seminar*





## Ajax Store - William Ajax

by William H. Sharp  
Great Grandson

William Ajax was born March 13, 1832 in Llantrisant, Glamorgan-shire, South Wales. His father was Thomas Truman Ajax and his mother was Rebecka Darcus. He had a brother Thomas and sister Eliza. From early childhood he was brought up by William and Frances Maxwell. He started to school when he was about 6 years old. When he was 11 years old, he quit school and went to work for farmers. Later he worked as a mason tender and eventually went to work in the coal mines in 1850 was there until 1854.

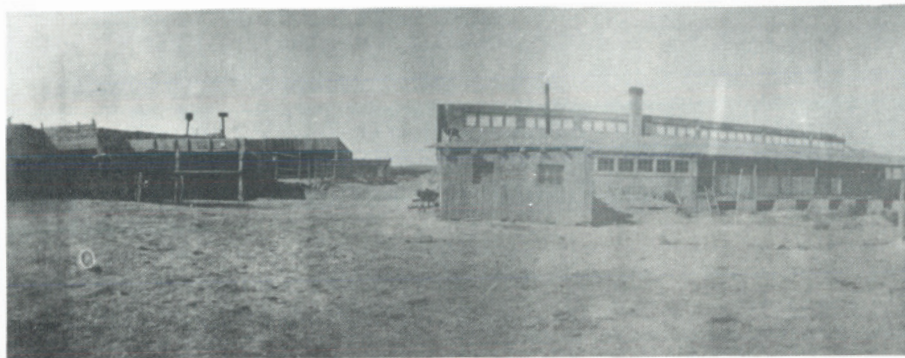
On May 13, 1862 he and his wife Emma went aboard the "Antartic" where he was appointed a councilor to Elder William C. Moody who presided over the saints on the vessel. The ship sailed on May 19, 1862 and the company arrived in New York June 27, 1862. They moved west and arrived in Florence, Nebraska on July 6, 1862, and began their westward move August 1, 1862. As they were coming down Echo Canyon the wagon that his wife Emma was riding in tipped over in a ditch. She was not seriously hurt but shaken up. The accident occurred on October 1, 1862 and they arrived in Salt Lake October 5.

He had walked all the way from Nebraska to Salt Lake. When they arrived they were taken to the apartment of B.P. Evans. The apartment

he started his store on one shelf of the cupboard. He started out with a few groceries, tobacco and piece goods. The business grew until he took two shelves and then three and finally when he did not have room for the stock, he went out of the house and dug a hole in the ground near the corner of the house. This was only a temporary arrangement and the increased business made it necessary for him to expand. A post office was established in 1870 and it was known as "Centre". The mail was delivered from Stockton to Clover, St. John, Centre and Vernon. At Centre the distribution was made for the dozen or more ranchers between Centre and Vernon and the carrier would deliver the bags to the ranchers on his way to Vernon.

The demand for all kinds of merchandise increased along with a need for a place to feed and water horses for the people who were hauling hay, coke and other items to the near towns and local ranchers, sheepmen and day and night travelers. He could see that it would be necessary to expand his operation as rapidly as he could. While in the process of building the store he would leave home and walk about eight miles and cut cedar posts and longer timber and then return at night. He was not able to sleep well at night, so he would rise and dig and move the dirt in a wheelbarrow. The store at some points was twenty feet below the surface of the ground.

After many days and nights the store was finally completed and was approximately 100 feet by 80 feet. At the east end of the store there were two doors and here a team could be driven in one door and out the other door. This end was the warehouse. To the extreme north east corner there was another excavation which was below the level of the main store. In this location was kept items that needed to be kept cold, such as soda water. The little boy who was sent to get it was instructed that he was to get the bottles with labels on, since those without labels contained beer. There was never any whiskey sold here. Most of the store was underground which kept it cool in summer and warm in winter. The living quarters were on the surface along with



*WILLIAM AJAX UNDERGROUND STORE, showing the living quarters where meals and lodging were provided. A portion of the underground store was under this building. Corrals and sheds are shown to the left.*

In 1853 he was baptized in the Victoria Branch and worked faithfully in the church. Early in 1859 he was called to the "Udgorn Seion Office in Swansea to do clerking for the Welsh Mission and to translate and prepare matter for the "Udg orn". He had prepared himself for this work early in life when he took the opportunity during his lunch periods to learn words in Latin, Greek, French and English. He was faithful in this missionary work but had to quit for a long enough period to go out and earn money to buy clothes, since he had worn them out.

While serving as a traveling Mormon Elder in Swansea, he ate at a small eating house operated by Sarah Hughes. It was here he met Emma and fell in love with her. August 6, 1861 they went to Liverpool where the L.D.S. church had an office and George Q. Cannon married them.

was so small that there was not room for two beds so he and Brother Evans slept in the wagon. He worked at various jobs. He and two partners, Watts and Slater, established a mercantile store and did very well for a short time. The firm failed in 1869, which left him practically penniless. He and other people had heard there was hayland in the south end of Rush Valley and here he purchased land and moved into a dugout with his family. They put up hay and sold it for \$20.00 a ton in Mercur, Ophir and Jacob City, since the mining industry was really booming at this time. While he was working in the hay fields he noticed that there was quite a lot of travel on the road west of them. In 1870 he built an adobe house of two rooms near the road. He had made the adobe blocks and with his previous experience was able to build a house. Since he had some experience in the mercantile business,



rooms and dining quarters. At one time this store was called the Eighth Wonder of the World. When it was completely stocked you were able to buy most anything. They didn't sell caskets but at various times you could see one under construction, for there were many built there as the need arose. One of the more exciting items was the table with beautiful dishes, vases, glassware, and many items of this nature. This table has a special place in the store and the location was fixed up a little nicer than the rest of the store. The table was between twenty-five and thirty feet long and had two tiers. Many of the dishes came from England and were of the best grade that was available. Some of the original stock was brought across the plains when they came west. Many people came from Ophir, Mercur, Stockton, St. John, Clover and Tooele to shop at the store. The dishes purchased at the store can be seen in the homes of the descendants.

A story is told of a man who lived in Cedar City who had some of the dishes purchased at the store for a small amount of money. A few years ago someone offered him \$250.00 for them, but he would not sell them.

This was not only a store, but a place where people could stay over night or longer and be fed also. All the Ajax girls were good cooks and helped their mother with the chores.

Emma Sarah who was the oldest in the family, had moved to Centre with her family when she was six years old. By the time she was ten years old she had pieced by hand, ten quilt tops so she was able to sew at a very early age. If someone came and wanted a pair of overalls and the size was not in stock, she would make them a pair. A story is told of a couple who were traveling to California and the woman wanted a sun bonnet. There wasn't one in stock to fit her, so William Ajax told them to wait and he would his little girl make one for her. The woman watched her make a bonnet. The girl became a fine seamstress and made many items of clothing. Emma Sarah even made suits of clothing and knit mittens and sent them to Ophir and Mercur where they were sold for fifty cents a pair.

There were many travelers, ranchers, coke haulers and sheepmen

who would stop for the night or several days depending on their needs. To accommodate these people, sheds, barns and corrals were built that would take care of 100 head of horses and about 300 head of cattle. The water for these animals were supplied from a well which had two buckets on a pulley. It would take a considerable amount of water pulled out of the well, a bucket at a time, to water the stock that would be housed and fed there.

Everything could be purchased at the store including newspapers such as New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Canadian Family Herald, San Francisco Chronicle, Los Angeles Examiner and many magazines and books. This became a supply point for the many sheepmen who would buy all of their groceries, hay, grain and clothes for the winter while they herded sheep out on the desert.

Each department of the store was separate. You might say it was a department store. One day a stranger came to the store and said that he had heard that he could purchase anything there. He was told that it was true. He promptly said that he would like to buy a yard of buttermilk. Nothing was said, but William Ajax came back to the

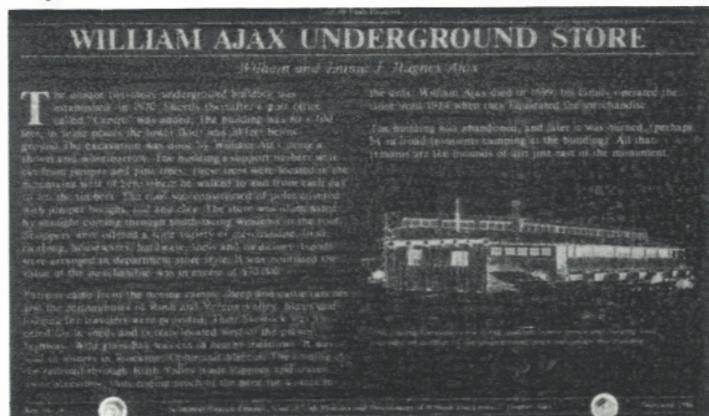
counter and laid a yardstick down and proceeded to pour the buttermilk down the stick and said there it is.

The store was built to take advantage of the light from the windows which were above ground level and this light would light the store. The packing crates were used to line the walls and the floor.

William Ajax was a friend to the Indians who came to the store quite often to beg or buy merchandise and they had this to say about him, "He is a good friend."

At one time the estimated value of merchandise in the Ajax store was \$75,000.00. A great deal for those days. With the coming of the railroad, mail was much faster and better and many mercantile businesses sent catalogues to the ranchers and farmers which had some effect on the store.

In 1899 William Ajax passed away leaving the management of the store to his sons. In 1914 the Ajax store closed its doors and some of the buildings and sheds were left for people who might need to stay there over night. The buildings were finally destroyed by fire which was due to some careless person who did not put out their fire.



## Monument Unveiled As Ajax Landmark

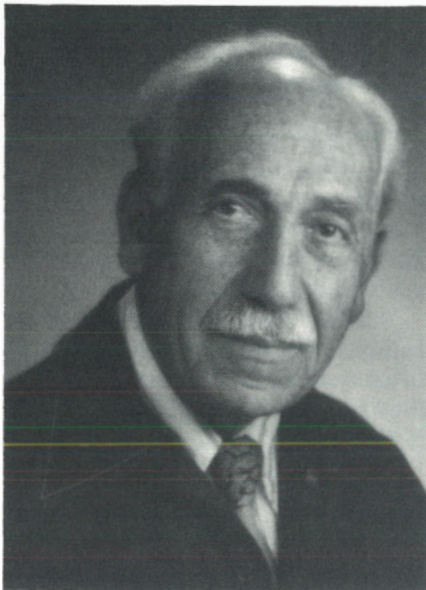
A monument erected as a historical reminder of the William Ajax underground Store was unveiled Saturday, August 2nd, 1986, 23 miles South of Tooele on Highway 36.

The project was spearheaded by the Settlement Canyon Chapter. Contributions came from the descendants of William and Emma Ajax.

The dedication ceremony was attended by approximately 170 people

who witnessed the unveiling of the stone monument. A metal plaque has been inserted in the stone outlining the 45 year history of the Rush Valley Store. Copies of the life history of the store and of William and Emma Ajax were printed and distributed to those attending along with a program listing all the descendants to date. A copy of these things was buried in the concrete foundation of the monument for historical preservation.





*Harry Nicholson Poll*

## A Life of Service

This month we are honoring a special member of the SUP, **HARRY NICHOLSON POLL**. Harry was born September 4, 1911 in Salt Lake City. The family lived in the Old Salt Lake Tenth Ward then later they moved to the Sugarhouse area. Harry attended Forrest Elementary School, Irving Jr. High and East High Schools. He married Grace Maurine Vance June 6, 1934. Maurine shared his interest in sound and worked with him in his business for many years.

Harry developed a great interest in radio as he grew up. This was the big thing for the future and Harry was determined to be a part of it. As the years went by he built many sets and experimented a good deal with sound and sound equipment. He finally built his own shop where he could work to his heart's content. He broadcast the Charles Lindberg parade following the famous Paris flight of the Spirit of St. Louis. He worked for several radio stations. Later, he developed and equipped sound trucks for Radio Supply and later for Vard Behunin.

Opening his own business in 1947, he accompanied the Pioneer Centennial Trek from Nauvoo to Salt Lake. Bryon Openshaw was the announcer for the trek. Harry has worked with many radio and media personalities including Francis Urry. He engineered and provided the sound equipment and facilities when Pres. Kennedy threw the

switch opening and beginning the operation of the Flaming Gorge Dam. He retired from his business in 1974.

Of course, he didn't really retire. He has provided his service for Days of '47 events, countless fairs, rodeos, promotions, parades, public and chapter activities.

Harry is a Past President of the EMC Chapter of the SUP and continues to serve whenever he can. He was responsible for installing and designing the sound system in the National Headquarters building and for the past 5 years has been the able custodian for physical facilities at the National Headquarters building and grounds.

Harry and Maurine are the proud parents of 10 children, with 42 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; a real credit to them.

We honor and pay tribute to this fine man who has done so much for our organization. Harry retired on the 31st of August and his smiling face will be sorely missed. Thank you Harry for a job well done!

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An Open House will be held for Harry so that his many friends and acquaintances that he has worked with over the years can come and greet him. We hope that you will be able to come.

The Open House will be held Wednesday, October 1st from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sons of Utah Pioneers National Headquarters building.

## Home Security

*by Grant Hale*

In today's society, everyone is more sophisticated, including burglars. With so few burglars locked up we need better methods of locking up ourselves.

There is a large variety of security devices and locks on the market today. It is difficult to know which ones to buy. Some of the cheaper models are as good as the more expensive ones. Here are some tips on home security and which products do the best job for the money.

- Put a piece of sheet steel on your door if it has panels on it. If the panels are made of glass, replace them with Lexon, an unbreakable plastic.

- If you have a wooden door, get a brace lock with a bar that goes from the lock into the floor about 30 inches away from the base of the door. This is what the industry calls a Police Lock. You should also use this type of lock if your door frame is weak. One of the best models: Magic Eye. Cost: Around \$95.00 with a regular cylinder.

- If you are purchasing a door, buy a metal door without panels and get an equally strong frame to match. Cost: About \$500.00.

- On a metal door, use a Segal Lock on the inside and a Medeco Lock on the outside, with a Medeco Bodyguard cylinder guard plate. If the lock is tubular, use Medeco's D-11. You won't need a guard plate and can use a key on the inside. Cost: About \$99.00 - \$125.00 depending on the type of door.

## Days of '47 Sunrise Service

*by Larry A. Eggett*

Their adversity was the price the Pioneers paid to become acquainted with God, and they felt this knowledge was well worth the price. So stated Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone of the First Quorum of the Seventy in the Days of '47 Sunrise Service, held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle the morning of July 24, 1986.

In his address, Elder Featherstone spoke extensively of the handcart companies and the many trials which they endured. He characterized the Pioneers as "a humble, quiet, holy people who wanted nothing more than to worship their God . . . in peace."

The Salt Lake Institute Concert Choir, under the direction of Richard Openshaw, favored the service with patriotic and religious musical numbers. Major Charles Wright and other members of the Mormon Battalion presented the flag ceremony.

National SUP President Wayne Mallet and his wife, and the Days of '47 Royalty were among the special guests seated on the stand. The Sunrise Service is sponsored annually by the Pioneer Chapter of S.U.P.



## Deadman's Cave

by Orrin P. Miller

The San Pedro/Los Angeles/Salt Lake Railroad, now the Union Pacific Railroad, was completed in 1905. Prior to that time commerce between Salt Lake City and Tooele County was by team and wagon.

Lumber, flour, grains and other agricultural products produced in Tooele Valley were hauled in wagons to Salt Lake City for sale or trade. The wagons were loaded with freight for the return trip to residents or merchants of Tooele County.

The distance between Salt Lake City and Tooele City or Grantsville was 40 miles. This required a stop for the night, to rest, feed, and water the horses. The favorite stopping place, especially in bad weather was Deadman's Cave. The cave was approximately 40 feet wide, 30 feet deep and 15 feet high.

My uncle, Peter T. Hansen, told me that in 1898 he hauled a hayrack of loose alfalfa hay to Salt Lake City (a 4 day trip). He sold it for \$15.00, bought a new blue suede

suit, so he could go well dressed to church.

A team of horses can pull a loaded wagon on dry ground more than 20 miles a day. However, if you include loading and unloading, the round trip usually consumed four days.

A good strong trotting horse, pulling a buggy, could make the 40 miles to Salt Lake City in one day. In this case Deadman's Cave would be the break point for lunch and water.

Deadman's Cave was used by the Archaic and Fremont Indians as a way station in their travels. It was also used as a shelter in the winter time. Archeologists have found arrowheads and other artifacts there. Obviously someone found a skelton or a dead man in the cave, hence the name Deadman's Cave.

The cave is located at the NW corner of the tailing pond used by the Magna concentrator mills. A DUP monument is located on the highway near the cave. The cave is on private property, Kennecott's.

HAVE YOUR ANCESTORS  
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## Election of Officers

Each chapter has its own way of electing the officers that will lead them for the coming year. Some elect officers in either October, November or December. Some have waited until after the first of the new year. From now on -- ALL ELECTIONS MUST BE OVER by the 31st of December. As soon as your elections are over, we are asking that you send us a complete list of your officers and committee chairmen along with their telephone numbers, addresses and wife's name. We must have this information in order to get all the information about our January Seminar into the hands of the responsible person. The officer personnel wish to thank each of you for your help.

In order to become an officer, the man must be a National dues-paying member for the year of election and the year of his term.

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# Sandy Pioneer Chapel & School Monument

by Lois Ray

Sandy's pioneer schools, churches, and their leaders were honored July 4th during dedication ceremonies of a new Sons of Utah Pioneers monument erected by the Temple Quarry Chapter members.

Elder Sterling W. Sill, emeritus member of the First Council of Seventy, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, paid special tribute to the pioneers in both fields and noted how many changes have occurred just since 1903 "when I was born". In his dedication prayer the church leader expressed hope that the monument would fill the purpose for which it was intended: "To cause us all to reflect upon the great contributions of our pioneer ancestors."

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Vice President and chairman of the monument project said "The footsteps of our pioneer ancestors made it infinitely easier for their descendants - us - to follow them to this haven in the Tops of the Mountains. We owe them a debt we can never repay."

Approximately 150 persons attended the dedication as part of Sandy's Independence Day celebration. Twenty were descendants of Enoch Jorgensen who is mentioned on the plaque as the first principal of Jordan High School. His daughter, Juanita Horton, was present and told of her father. Roxie Rich, compiler of the book, "The History and People of Early Sandy," was lauded for the information she had contributed.

The 6 foot, 6 inch orange-yellow sandstone marker contains two 24 x 24 inch illustrated plaques. The West plaque commemorates the first school building in Sandy which was constructed in 1881. The East plaque commemorates the first church organized and built in Sandy. The monument is located at 8781 South 250 East in Sandy.

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## Rulon F. Starley Life Member No. 5

Mr. Rulon F. Starley, who was born October 14, 1896, in Fillmore, Utah, in addition to his busy and productive life, has another distinction - he is the oldest living Life Member of the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers. He is Life Member No. 5. He was born to John Jupp Starley and Eliza Payne Starley, and his pioneer grandfather, James Starley, came to Utah with the Hooper & Williams Wagon Train in 1855. His grandmother, Mary Jupp Starley, arrived with the Willie Handcart Company in 1856.

After receiving his schooling in Millard County and the Brigham Young University, he taught school for three years in the Millard County school system. In 1922, he began his banking career as a bookkeeper in the Delta State Bank; then in 1931 was appointed an examiner in the Utah State Banking Department, working most of the time in the Bank Liquidation Division. He was appointed Bank Commissioner in 1935, and served as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks, which was made advisory council to the Federal Insurance Corporation in July, 1938.

He rose from Cashier to Director of the Commercial Security Bank in Ogden, Utah, during the period of 1945 to 1960. Other positions he has held are member of the Executive Committee of the State Bank Division, Trustee and Secretary-Treasurer of the Central Weber Sewer Improvement District, member of the Ogden Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club of Ogden, member of the National Urban Renewal Committee of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Utah, second Counselor of the Fillmore Ward, Finance Chairman of the Ogden 33rd Ward, active in several organizations of the L.D.S. Church, the Ogden Federated Drive, and the Ogden Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Brother Starley married Luella Teeple in 1917. His residence is at 2484 Pierce Ave., Ogden, Utah. Their children include Rulon H. and S. Paul Starley, M.D. of Las Vegas,



Rulon F. Starley

Nevada. Rulon is a Captain with Western Airlines; John R. Starley, President of Heritage Bank & Trust in Salt Lake City, and Helen S. McEntire, Architect of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Brother Starley's association with the Sons of Utah Pioneers goes back to before 1945, when he joined the S.U.P. Luncheon Club. In 1945, he joined the Ogden Pioneer Chapter, and was elected to the Board of the National Organization in the late 1940's. At the first board meeting, he was appointed to the Finance Committee and was asked to be the Chairman. The other members of the committee were Ernest R. McKay and P. Leroy Nelson. This group recommended a program, which was adopted as Article X of the Constitution at the August 6, 1949 Annual Encampment held at Brighton, Utah. This article outlined the formation of a Board of Trustees to take care of all funds received from Life Members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, giving their tenure, and stipulating how the money received will be invested.

Brother Starley was appointed to the five year term on the Board of Trustees, and they began the Life Membership Program with the Life Membership fee at \$50.00. At the termination of his Chairmanship of the Board of Trustees, in 1956, he was able to turn over to H. Ward McCarthy, Executive Secretary, and Ralph Barnes, Chairman of the Finance Committee, \$3,202.26 in U.S. Bonds and cash, covering 62 Life Memberships, plus \$102.26 interest.

Brother Starley is pleased at the

growth of the Life Membership Program, which has grown to 1,408 members and is still producing income for the Association.

## Sweden to Utah

by Don Rosenberg

My Great Grandfather Magnes Flourteen Peterson, was born in Sweden. As he grew up and went to school and got his education, he learned a trade as was customary in a European country. He learned to be a Mason, and he also learned gardening and landscaping. He worked for the King of Sweden doing gardening and landscaping. The King changed his name to Rosenberg, and added the name Rosenberg to his own name. Rosenberg means Rosy Mountain. This is how my name became Rosenberg instead of Peterson.

He joined the Church in 1857 and married Johanna Olson in 1861 and arrived in America in 1862. They joined a handcart company and started for Utah with my grandfather Joseph Alfred being about 4 months old. One day he was rolled up in a woolen blanket in the handcart and fell out of the cart. His parents had gone some distance when his mother stopped to see how he was, to her surprise he wasn't there. They stopped and retraced their steps and found him sound asleep in the blanket along the trail.

When Johanna was in bed with her sixth child, Joseph, then about eleven years old, was sitting on the floor greasing his boots with mutton tallow, and he accidentally tipped the coal oil lamp over and set fire to the house. His mother sprang out of bed, taking the baby five days old,

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## Convention

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you to make plans now to attend the 1987 Encampment that will be held at Logan.

We will be striving for unity in 1987. We want all members to work together, all chapters to work together, and the National to be of help and service in any area that any chapter might be in need of. We welcome your suggestions and comments.

Wally Bates

Co-chairman of the Convention



## Chapter Banquet Draws Large Group of Members

On May 16th the newly found Hurricane Chapter of the S.U.P. held their Chapter Banquet for a large group of over 75 members and well wishers. This special event was the culmination of many months of hard work getting the newly formed organization off the ground.

A delegation from S.U.P. National Headquarters arrived headed by National President D. Wayne Mallet. Wayne had some very good comments but the real highlight of the evening was when he presented the new charter to Charter President Verdel Hinton. It must be mentioned here that Verdel was, if not the major force, then certainly one of the major forces that worked countless hours putting together this new chapter. It is to all of those who worked so hard that we owe a large debt of gratitude. Thanks guys, we really mean it.

Some of the other National of-



Verdel Hinton, President D. Wayne Mallet, Glen Greenwood, Verl L. Peterson.

ficers who attended were Verl Peterson, past president, Glen Greenwood, Executive Secretary, Carlyle Jensen, Director, and Foyer Olsen, Area Vice President. All of the delegates were accompanied by their wives. Also in attendance were three couples from the Cedar City Chapter which is our sponsoring chapter. We were very happy to announce that we had 50 charter members and have since added several new members to our group.

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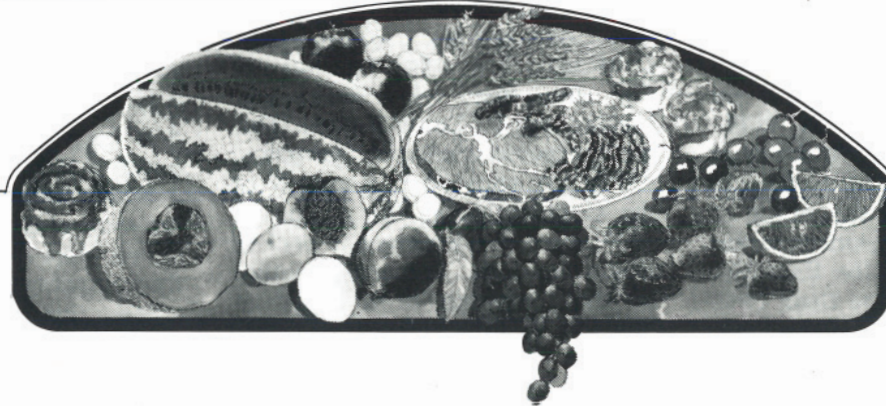
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## Canyon Rim Heritage Marker

A historical marker telling the story of the Overland Stage was sponsored and placed on the balcony of the National Headquarters Building on August 28, 1986, by the Canyon Rim Heritage Chapter.

In order to collect the information for the marker, Dean L. and Shirley Wassmer traveled to Lusk, Wyoming to visit the Stage Coach Museum there; also the Buffalo Bill Historical Museum in Cody, Wyoming, plus many good local museums that offer western memorabilia. This "on-the-spot" research, plus historical documents and books, provided the text for the marker. The Wassmers were in-

terested by the insights they gained by reading pioneer journals describing the rigors of travel in the mid-1800's. The contrast between modern transportation and the old Overland Stage is remarkable.

Canyon Rim member Clyde Collett added his artistic talent to the marker by sketching the Stage Coach and team of six horses. In addition he prepared a map of the main line of the Overland Stage. One of the stops for the Overland Stage was located at the mouth of Parley's Canyon, directly north by west of the Headquarters Building. Funds to pay for this marker were raised under the capable direction of Chairman John Nielsen.

## HELP A Need For Copies of the Pioneer

If you are one of those people who save old magazines, would you please look through your closets and see if you have any old copies of The Pioneer Magazine prior to 1954.

It is our desire to get as complete a set of bound copies of our magazine as we possibly can. We have complete sets from 1954 forward, but before that we are lacking many copies. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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## Our New Membership Year Is Upon Us

The year is fast coming to a close and the time for each Chapter and the members to consider paying their dues. ALL dues received after October 1, 1986 will be credited to their 1987 membership.

It is imperative that each chapter put on a membership drive at this time. So far this year, our total membership has fallen off. We now have three months to make up and surpass last year's (1985) membership. This can only be accomplished by each chapter and member working together. The National can only suggest, but the hard work must be done by chapter membership committees and each individual member. To each member that has a love and respect for the Sons of Utah Pioneers, we are requesting that you share the good times you have in S.U.P. with your best friend or relative. Working together we can accomplish the goals set forth by your elected leaders. These goals are not set by any one individual but are the by-product of many of your elected officers.

We would like to have our chapters concentrate on encouraging some of the young men of your acquaintance to join us. At the present time, we have two chapters who are predominately young men. If those of your acquaintance prefer to meet with your chapter that is fine, but, as we have found, quite often they ask if there is a chapter for the young men and we are happy to say "Yes". The important thing is that we start encouraging the younger generation to participate in our chapters so that they can eventually become the leaders in keeping the S.U.P. a growing organization.

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## ***Mormon Battalion Commander's Message***

You, too, can become a member of the Mormon Battalion. Everyone who has the desire to learn what the stalwart Battalion men did for our country is eligible to join. We need to go and sell the program and bring in new members.

It is with pride that we belong to this organization. As we visit with others, we can make the Battalion a part of our conversation.

There are three things that make an organization grow: 1) Be enthusiastic, sell the program and tell them about the Battalion; 2) Give them a special invitation to come and see what we have to offer; and 3) Bring them with you, make them so welcome that they will want to join with us.

We are busy collecting histories, marking trails and graves of Mormon Battalion members, gathering artifacts, placing monuments in appropriate areas, etc.

Congratulations to John Martin of Kane Company and Milton C. Jacklin from San Diego on becoming Life Members, and to all those who have joined the Companies since our last Newsletter. Our new member from Thousand Oaks, California, Donald Savage, read about the Battalion in the Pioneer. He called for more information and decided to become a member. His area is steeped in Battalion history.

Keep up the good work and let's continue to make our great organization grow. Your dedication is appreciated greatly.

The Mormon Battalion is happy to announce the organization of Company B, located in the south end of Salt Lake County. At a special chicken dinner, held July 10, 1986, at the home of Lt. Col. Paul and Ramona Madsen, the organization was spearheaded, and the organization was completed at a barbeque held at the home of Col. John C. and Bertha Richards on July 29, 1986. The Commanding Officer is Andrew J. Eldredge, with Clyde Beckstead as Executive Officer; James Ostler as Adjutant, John Malmberg as Historian, Gary Allred as Enlistment, William Walsh as Program Chairman, and Merrill Hymas as Chaplain. The

next meeting will be held August 26, 1986, at the home of William and Alice Walsh. Those interested in joining Company B should call Captain Eldredge 255-4554 or Clyde Beckstead at 261-0817.

July 24 was a busy day for the Mormon Battalion. Company A, under the direction of Captain Kjeld E. Jorgensen, raised the flag at Pioneer Valley Park near the This Is The Place Monument. Loren Hancock and Allen Crow assisted him.

Major Walter Ewell and Faye Eldredge accepted the responsibility of Co-Chairman of the U.S. Mormon Battalion Parade Committee, and Captain Jack Eldredge worked along with them. The three Morgan horses ridden in the parade by Col. John C. Richards, 1st Lt. Henry Timmerman and Captain Jack Eldredge were loaned for their use by Kent and Marsha Johanson. Major Walter Ewell's horse was owned by a member of his family.

Lou Buck, of Syracuse, furnished the grey Percheron horses and wagon in which some of the Battalion members rode. The wagon was built in 1903, and it and the horses are for sale. Call Lou Buck at 801-825-6147.

Financial help for the Mormon Battalion entries in the parade was given by Granite Furniture Company, Sugarhouse; Goff Mortuary, Midvale; McDougal Funeral Home, Taylorsville; and Jenkins-Soffe Mortuary, Murray. Their generosity is deeply appreciated, as is the time and effort of the Parade Committee and those who loaned their horses. The assistance and participation of each of those who had anything to do with the activities of the July 24th Parade is greatly appreciated.

*Col. John C. Richards  
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## **Sweden**

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in one arm and another child in the other arm and ran from the house to the neighbors barefoot and in her nightgown through fresh snow. It was Sunday night and people were just coming from Church and they helped put out the fire. When my Grandfather "Joseph" was fourteen years old, he left home due to a disagreement with his father. He never went back home to live, but kept in touch with the family whenever he could. His mother died in 1882 and left her baby ten months old, her tenth child.

The night his mother died, he was working night-herding ewes along the trail road. At the hour of her death he could hear music. He said the loveliest music he had ever heard. Wherever he went, whatever he was doing, he could still hear music. The other men in the camp said they could not hear it.

Joseph Alfred worked at many different jobs. At one time he worked at the Silver Reep mining town near St. George, Utah on a freight wagon, ending up in Cedar City working for a farmer where he met and married my grandmother Charlotte Gower.

There he opened and ran a butcher shop, farmed and ranched. Having six children before he died, my father being the oldest son and only 20 years old, thus much of the responsibility of the family fell on my father's hands.

## **Purchase A Life Membership**

I wish to thank and congratulate each of the new Life Members for their interest. We still have three months before the end of the year. To all those interested in life memberships remember that if your dues have been paid for 1986 it would leave a balance of \$135.00 to make your a life member if it is paid prior to December 31, 1986.

May we make a suggestion to the ladies. With Christmas coming soon, a Life Membership pin and certificate would be an ideal gift for the number one man in your life. It is one that he will treasure and benefit from for a long time.



# Chapter Eternal

## Robert R. Hull

Robert Rigby Hull, a long time member of the Ogden Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers, passed away September 12, 1986 at age 85. Robert was born December 12, 1900 in Hooper. He was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Rigby Hull. Married Grace Evelyn Bailey December 12, 1928 in the Manti Temple.

Graduated from Utah Agricultural College cumlaude with Phi Kappa Phi honors in 1927. His L.D.S. Church callings include mission to Eastern Canada 1924-26, Stake High Council, Stake Young Men's President, Priest Advisor and various other ward and Stake positions as well as being active in Scouting. He appeared in many plays as a member of the Ogden Drama Club. He and his wife traveled extensively on Genealogical Research interests throughout Europe. He served in the Presidency of the Ogden Genealogical Library. Acted as a guide on Temple Square in Ogden and was an ordinance worker in the Ogden Temple until his death. He worked for the U.S. Post Office in Salt Lake City and Ogden for 24 years where he was superintendent of mail. He was chief accountant when he retired in 1964.

He is survived by his widow, three sons, three daughters, three brothers and four sisters. He was interred in Hooper, Utah.

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## Henry Samuel Florence

Henry Samuel Florence passed away September 5, 1986 at the age of 91. He was born September 5, 1895 to Samuel Stephen and Minnie Giles Florence. He married Abigail Hintze December 24, 1914 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Abigail passed away March 8, 1972. On November 2, 1973 he married Elsie Dee Adams in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Henry was a charter and life member of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, and a member of the Holladay Chapter. He was a High Priest in the Holladay 5th LDS Ward and a worker in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. During his life he served three missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These were in Hawaii 1914-1918, Hawaii 1954-1957, and in New Zealand 1966-1967.

He is survived by his wife, nine children, forty grandchildren, and one hundred and four great-grandchildren.

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## Ivan Theodore Nelson

Ivan Theodore Nelson passed away at his home in the Cottonwood area on July 13, 1986. He was born in Milton, Morgan County, Utah to Danish pioneers Waldermar Theodore Nelson and Karen Marie Jensen Nelson. He was a world-renowned landscape architect; a noted community and church leader, businessman, and educator.

After his graduation from the U.S.A.C. in Logan, Utah, he married Kathleen Bagley, daughter of Edward C. Bagley and Amanda Neff Bagley.

Mr. Nelson first won national acclaim as winner of the Better Homes & Gardens' "More Beautiful America Contest" in 1934. His later work includes landscaping at all of the LDS temples built before 1975 and church historical sites in many state and foreign countries. His crowning accomplishment, the Washington, D.C. LDS Temple landscaping, was done after he was 80 years of age and after his retirement from a forty-year responsibility at Temple Square and the Church Office gardens.

During his lifetime, he held many church positions, to include those of bishop and stake president. In 1951 he was called to be stake patriarch, a position held until his death.

He was a life member of the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers and a member of the Holladay Chapter.

He is survived by five children, thirty grandchildren, and forty-five great-grandchildren.

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## Leslie Pugh

Leslie Pugh, age 80, died July 18 in Cedar City. He was born Dec. 1, 1905 in Kanab to Edward Kelly and Miriam Elisa Carling Pugh. He married Della Higbee Sept. 6, 1933 in the St. George LDS Temple.

He worked for the Utah Parks at Grand Canyon as a painter and retired from Kaibab Industries in 1976 after 25 years of service. He was an active member of the LDS Church and Sons of Utah Pioneers. He participated in many Kanab civic activities. He lived in Cedar City for four years where he was active in the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Survivors include his wife, Della, of Cedar City, children: C. Kent Pugh of Cedar City, Vicki Seely of Murray, Larry Dale Pugh of Minerville; brothers David Pugh of Tooele, Duffin Pugh of Kanab, Robert Pugh of Salt Lake City, Kelly Pugh of Garden Grove, California; sisters: Edna Smith of Phoenix and Senith Haycock of Salt Lake City; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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## Jerry T. Holladay

Gerald "Jerry" Thomson Holladay, 68, died July 16, 1986. Born November 10, 1917, Snowville, Utah to George T. and Annie Thomson Holladay. Married Afton Halling November 24, 1939, Malad, Idaho. Later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple in 1940.

Retired from the Tooele Army Depot. Veteran of World War II. Retired from the Army Reserve. A Scout for over 25 years, received the Silver Beaver Award. Served in the bishopric and high council. Served a mission to the Southern States with his wife, 1974-75. Genealogy Mission 1976-1978. Jordan River Temple Worker. Active in civic affairs. Recognized as the 'Outstanding Young Man' by the Tooele J.C.'s.

Survivors: wife, Magna; children, G. Ronald, Mantua; Larry D., Salt Lake City; Mrs. Jim (Margo) Van Tassell, Magna; Bryon D., West Jordan; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Mrs. Annie Mathews, Salt Lake City; Gene and Don, Tooele; Mrs. Dean (June) Anderson, Corona, California; Hollis, Bountiful; Loring, West Valley City; two nephews, LeRoy, California; Bob, Salt Lake City.

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